

RIDOT Director Peter Alviti with Gene Valicenti on WPRO – July 1, 2021

Caller Questions from June 24, 2021

1. John from Hope: Concerned that the speed limit was raised to 35 MPH on Route 116 in Hope by the Library

Our Traffic engineers checked and did not see any speed limit signs to which John referred. Presently, as you enter Route 116 in Scituate, coming from the Coventry line (south to north), it is signed at 30 MPH. As you continue north into the village of Hope, the speed limit decreases to 20 MPH within the school zone, just north of the intersection of Route 115 (Main Street.) It goes back to 30 MPH after the school zone and then increases to 40 MPH as you continue north just past Baldwin Drive. The same applies when traveling south. (These speed limits were approved back in 2015.)

2. Philip from North Smithfield: Asked if we're going to paint the underside of the Old Great Road Bridge in North Smithfield blue

Back in spring 2020, we made repairs to the deck, railing and underside of this concrete bridge, carrying Route 146 over Old Great Road. The contract did not call for blue paint under the bridge since we only paint steel bridges blue. Rather, we applied a white protective coating to limited portions of its concrete underside.

Contact Us

- Call RIDOT for potholes, litter, debris in roadway at [222-2378](tel:222-2378)
- Website link to Gene's show: www.ridot.net/news
- Call weekdays from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. [222-2450](tel:222-2450) or Email for help: help@ridot.net
- Website for help: www.ridot.net/help
- Road kill – DEM – 222-3070 ([recently killed deer only](#)). Otherwise call RIDOT at 222-2378
- Bike Path issues: DEM – 222-3070 for East Bay and Blackstone bikeways. Otherwise, the city or town in which the path is located is the proper contact.
- National Grid [1-800-322-3223](tel:1-800-322-3223)
- RIPTA [784-9500](tel:784-9500)
- MBTA [1-800-392-6100/617-222-3200](tel:1-800-392-6100/617-222-3200)

